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Governor Schwarzenegger Appoints Lucinda Ehnes Director of the Department of Managed Healthcare

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the appointment of Lucinda "Cindy" Ann Ehnes as Director of the Department of Managed Health Care.

"Cindy is a leader in her field and brings a wealth of experience in healthcare to this department," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "I am confident that with her leadership, the Department of Managed Health Care will help ensure the delivery of quality healthcare to Californians enrolled in managed health care plans."

Since December 2003, Ehnes has served as the division manager of Self-Funded Health Plans at the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). Prior to that, she was the deputy director of plan and provider relations at the Department of Managed Health Care and the interim executive officer for the California Board of Optometry. Ehnes also served as the legislative affairs director for the Commission on Family Medicine in Colorado for two years and from 1997 to 2000 as the director of enforcement for the Colorado Division of Insurance. From 1978 to 1984 and again from 1988 to 1996, she was an attorney in private practice. She served as the vice president of development for the National Sports Center for the Disabled from 1984 to 1988 and was the chairwoman of the board and consumer representative for CoverColorado Health Plan from 1990 to 1997.

"I am honored Governor Schwarzenegger has asked me to join his administration," said Ehnes. "I look forward to continuing to serve Californians and working to ensure the fair regulation of managed health care in the state."

Ehnes, 53, of Fair Oaks, CA, has a Juris Doctorate from Catholic University Law School and a Bachelor of Arts degree from George Washington University. She is a registered Democrat. The statutory salary for this position is \$123,255 and it requires Senate confirmation.

The California Department of Managed Health Care was launched on July 1, 2000 to ensure high quality prevention and health care for Californians enrolled in managed health care plans. The Department is responsible for the licensing and accountability of managed care plans through the enforcement of prevention and care laws, providing an annual report card on quality care under managed care, developing a public education campaign so consumers know their rights under managed care plans, and for the development of a third-party grievance system for consumers. The Department is under the jurisdiction of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.
